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Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" How did the hon. Minister know that particular part of the information that the students attended the college after the harbour function ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Because of the nature of the question asked by some hon. Members."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I know whether it is a rule that principals of colleges always inform the Minister as to the action they propose to take against students for the maintenance of discipline ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" There is no such rule of that kind."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I know whether the Minister agreed with the Principal when he was informed of the proposed action ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The Minister entirely agreed with the action taken by the Principal of the Law College."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I know the grounds on which the Minister agreed with the action of the Law College Principal ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Because I thought what the Principal did was best to pull up the college which had gone down in tone and discipline."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know whether there was any strike organized within the premises of the Law College ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" It was because Mr. Gopalakrishnan threatened to organize a strike that he was sent away from the college."

Municipalities

Exemption to the Cocanada municipality from payment of instalment of the electricity loan payable in March 1930.

* 1782 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Cocanada Municipal Council passed a resolution requesting the Government to exempt the Municipality from payment of the instalment of the electricity loan payable in March 1930 and receive the same in instalments beginning from March 1931 onwards ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have passed any and, if so, what orders thereon ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy of G.O. No. 1019, L. & M., dated 28th February 1929,[a] is laid on the table.

Religious and charitable endowments

Temple committees in the Chingleput district.

* 1783 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to nominate again members of Temple committees in the Chingleput district ; and

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(*b*) if answer to (*a*) be in the affirmative, why the Government have not thrown open the committees to election ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) As it was not found possible to do so.

Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*b*), may I know what stands in the way of holding elections ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The Hindu Religious Endowments Board advised Government that it was not found possible to hold the elections now."

Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar :—" Is it in accordance with the existing Endowments Act to continue to nominate members to the Temple Committees ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" It must be."

Public Health

Improvements to the Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital.

* 1784 Q.—Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the revised estimates for certain improvements to the Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital were sanctioned by Government ;

(*b*) how long the Public Works Department was engaged in preparing this revised estimate ;

(*c*) what is the amount of the original estimate and that of the revised estimate ;

(*d*) when the work will be put in hand ; and

(*e*) what funds are to be allotted for expenditure in 1929-30 on the above work according to the budget proposals now under the consideration of the Government ?

A.—(*a*) The revised estimate has not yet been sanctioned.

(*b*) A complete statement of the requirements of the Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital and the Lady Willingdon Medical School for Women was furnished to the Chief Engineer by the Surgeon-General in September 1927. The revised plans and estimates were received through the Surgeon-General in February 1928.

(*c*) The scheme as originally drawn up by Major-General Symons (the then Surgeon-General) was estimated to cost Rs. 8·55 lakhs. It was subsequently found that the scheme did not include several essential items of work. The amount of the revised estimate received in February 1928 was Rs. 14·50 lakhs, but this has, after careful scrutiny in consultation with the Surgeon-General and the Chief Engineer, since been reduced to Rs. 12·25 lakhs.

(*d*) It is not possible to say exactly when the work will be put in hand. The scheme will be placed before the Legislative Council for approval shortly. Detailed plans and estimates have also to be prepared.